

REMARKS

In the Office Action,¹ the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0125993 to Gutta et al. ("*Gutta*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,199,076 to Logan et al. ("*Logan*").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites an electronic device controlling apparatus comprising, among other things, "the electronic device acquires the personal identification information from a remote controller corresponding to the electronic device."

Gutta discloses, "the detecting step comprises recognizing the face of the individual or . . . recognizing the speech pattern of the individual." *Gutta*, para. 0017.

Although *Gutta* states, "facial and speech recognition systems are given by way of example only . . . [and] [o]ther recognition systems . . . can also be used," the apparatus in *Gutta* detects, recognizes, and compares "some characteristic of [an] individual." *Id.*, para. 0029. *Gutta* is completely silent with respect to any "remote controller."

Accordingly, *Gutta* fails to teach or suggest "the electronic device acquires the personal identification information from a remote controller corresponding to the electronic device," as recited in claim 1. *Logan* fails to cure the deficiencies of *Gutta*.

For at least the foregoing reasons, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established with respect to claim 1. Independent claims 4 and 7, although

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

different in scope from claim 1, are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are allowable at least due to their dependence from allowable independent claims 1, 4, and 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

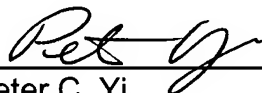
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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